

# REPORT

FROM

STANDING COMMITTEE D

ON THE

## **PUBLIC HEALTH (MEDICAL TREATMENT OF CHILDREN) (IRELAND) BILL**

WITH THE

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COMMITTEE.

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## STANDING COMMITTEE D.

[Wednesday, 26th February, 1919].—Sir Samuel Roberts reported from the Committee of Selection: That they had agreed to the following Resolution, which they had directed him to report to the House:—

"That, after a Bill has been under consideration in Standing Committee, no application for changes in the composition of that Committee in respect of that Bill shall be entertained by the Committee of Selection."

[Tuesday, 4th March, 1919].—Sir Samuel Roberts reported from the Committee of Selection: That they had nominated the following Members to serve on Standing Committee D:—

## STANDING COMMITTEE D.

Sir William Barton.  
Sir Edward Beauchamp.  
Mr. Bowennan.  
Major Brassey.  
Major Breese.  
Mr. Broad.  
Lieutenant-Colonel Burgynne.  
Colonel Campion.  
Lieutenant-Colonel Spender Clay.  
Mr. Clough.  
Sir Clifford Cory.  
Mr. Alfred Thomas Davies (Lincoln).  
Mr. Bartley Dennis.  
Mr. Finney.  
Mr. Foreman.  
Mr. Glasville.  
Mr. Duncan Graham.  
Major Henderson.  
Mr. Hurd.  
Mr. Irving.

Mr. Edward Kelly.  
Mr. Kenyon.  
Mr. Lindsey.  
Major William Murray.  
Mr. Reginald Nicholson.  
Mr. Pennfather.  
Sir John Randles.  
Mr. Frederick Roberts.  
Mr. Royce.  
Sir William Seager.  
Mr. Seddon.  
Mr. Strauss.  
Mr. Thomson.  
Mr. Tootill.  
Sir John Tudor Walters.  
Colonel Weston.  
Lieutenant-Commander Williams.  
Colonel Penny Williams.  
Lieutenant-Colonel Wiloughby.  
Mr. William Young.

[Thursday, 6th March, 1919].—Sir Samuel Roberts reported from the Committee of Selection: That they had discharged the following Members from Standing Committee D: Sir William Barton and Mr. Evelyn Thomson; and had appointed in substitution: Major Barker and Sir Alfred Yeo.

[Tuesday, 11th March, 1919].—Sir Samuel Roberts reported from the Committee: That they had discharged the following Member from Standing Committee D: Mr. Glasville; and had appointed in substitution: Mr. Hogg.

[Tuesday, 18th March, 1919].—Selection (Standing Committee).—Sir Samuel Roberts reported from the Committee of Selection: That they had discharged the following Member from Standing Committee D: Mr. MacCallum Scott; and had appointed in substitution: Mr. Secretary Churchill.

[Tuesday, 25th March, 1919].—

DISTRIBUTION BY MR. SPEAKER, PURSUANT TO STANDING ORDER No. 47,  
OF BILLS COMMITTED TO A STANDING COMMITTEE.

Name of Bill	Standing Committee.
Public Health (Medical Treatment of Children) (Ireland) Bill . . . . .	D.
Local Government (Ireland) Bill . . . . .	D.

[*Wednesday, 26th March, 1919*].—Standing Committees (Chairmen's Panel).—Sir Samuel Roberts reported from the Chairmen's Panel; That they had appointed Captain Albert Smith to act as Chairman of Standing Committee D (in respect of the Public Health (Medical Treatment of Children) (Ireland) Bill and the Local Government (Ireland) Bill), and Sir Samuel Roberts to act as Chairman of the Standing Committee on Scottish Bills (in respect of the War Charities (Scotland) Bill [*Lords*]).

[*Thursday, 27th March, 1919*].—Mr. William Nicholson reported from the Committee of Selection. That they had added to Standing Committee D the following Fifteen Members (in respect of the Public Health (Medical Treatment of Children) (Ireland) Bill and the Local Government (Ireland) Bill): Mr. Attorney-General for Ireland, Mr. Devlin, Captain Dixon, Mr. Gange, Lieutenant-Colonel Walter Guinness, Mr. Harbison, Mr. Hopkinson, Mr. Macpherson, Mr. Malleson, Mr. Moles, Major Newman, Mr. O'Grady, Major Waring, Mr. Aneurin Williams, and Sir Robert Woods.

Mr. William Nicholson further reported from the Committee; That they had added to Standing Committee D the following Members: Mr. Burn, Mr. William Coote, Sir Maurice Dockrell, Mr. Lynn, Major Morrison-Bell, and Major O'Neill.

[*Tuesday, 1st April, 1919*].—Selection (Standing Committees).—Sir Samuel Roberts reported from the Committee of Selection; That they had added to Standing Committee D the following Members: Mr. MacVough, Captain Redmond, Mr. Donald, and Mr. Reid.

Sir Samuel Roberts further reported from the Committee; That they had discharged the following Member from Standing Committee D: Lieutenant-Colonel Burgoyne; and had appointed in substitution: Lieutenant-Colonel Pownall.

## R E P O R T.

STANDING COMMITTEE D, to whom the PUBLIC HEALTH (MEDICAL TREATMENT OF CHILDREN) (IRELAND) BILL was referred;—Have gone through the Bill and made Amendments thereunto.

9th April, 1919.

## STANDING COMMITTEE D.

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*Wednesday, 2nd April, 1919.*

## MEMBERS PRESENT:

Captain ALBERT SMITH in the Chair.

Mr. Attorney-General for Ireland  
Sir Edward Beauchamp  
Major Breese  
Mr. Broad  
Colonel Burn  
Colonel Campion  
Lieut.-Colonel Spender Clay  
Mr. Clough  
Mr. William Coote  
Mr. Bartley Dennis  
Mr. Devlin  
Mr. Hopkinson  
Mr. Irving  
Mr. Edward Kelly  
Mr. Lynn  
Mr. Moles

Major Morrison-Bell  
Major Newman  
Mr. Reginald Nicholson  
Major O'Neill  
Lieut.-Colonel Pownall  
Sir John Randles  
Mr. Reid  
Sir William Seager  
Mr. Strauss  
Mr. Tootill  
Major Waring  
Colonel Weston  
Mr. Aneurin Williams  
Lieut.-Commander Williams  
Colonel Penry Williams

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## PUBLIC HEALTH (MEDICAL TREATMENT OF CHILDREN) (IRELAND) BILL.

Resolution of the House of the 28th of March read as follows:—

"*Resolved*, That it is expedient to authorise the payment to local authorities, out of moneys to be provided by Parliament, of an amount not exceeding one-half of the expenses incurred by local authorities in the execution of any Act of the present Session to make provision for the medical treatment of children attending elementary schools in Ireland."

Clause 1.

Amendment proposed, in page 1, line 5, to leave out the words "A local authority may," in order to insert the words "It shall be the duty of a local authority"—(*Mr. Attorney-General for Ireland*).—Question, "That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause,"—put, and *agreed*.

Question, "That those words be there inserted,"—put, and *agreed to*.

Another Amendment proposed, in page 1, line 6, after the word "conditions," to insert the word "to"—(*Mr. Attorney-General for Ireland*).—Question, "That the word 'to' be there inserted,"—put, and *agreed to*.

Another Amendment proposed, in page 1, line 7, to leave out the word "the," in order to insert the words "an adequate"—(*Major Newman*).—Question proposed, "That the word 'the' stand part of the Clause."

Amendment, by leave, *withdrawn*.

Another Amendment proposed, in page 1, line 7, after the word "medical," to insert the words "and dental"—(*Mr. Kelly*).—Question proposed, "That those words be there inserted."

Amendment, by leave, *withdrawn*.

Another Amendment proposed, in page 1, line 11, to leave out the word "may," in order to insert the word "shall"—(*Major O'Neill*).—Question proposed, "That the word 'may' stand part of the Clause."

Amendment, by leave, *withdrawn*.

Another Amendment proposed, in page 1, line 11, after the word "prescribed," to insert the words "not being less frequent than once a year"—(*Mr. Ansaria Williams*).

Amendment, by leave, *withdrawn*.

Another Amendment proposed, in page 1, line 15, at the beginning, to insert the words "so far as appears to them to be necessary or expedient"—(*Mr. Attorney-General for Ireland*).—Question, "That those words be there inserted,"—put, and *agreed to*.

Another Amendment proposed, in page 1, line 17, to leave out from the word "and" to end of paragraph, in order to insert the words:—

"(d) co-opt to their body one or more persons for the purposes of carrying out and supervising the purposes aforesaid within such area"—(*Major Newman*).

Question proposed, "That those words be there inserted."

Amendment, by leave, *withdrawn*.

Another Amendment proposed, in page 1, line 23, at the end, to insert the words :—

"The said regulations shall be made within one month from the passing of this Act, and, if not then made, the Treasury shall within two months make the said regulations. The said regulations may from time to time be altered by the Local Government Board, with the approvals aforesaid, or by the Treasury in case said approvals are not obtained within one month from the submission by the Local Government Board of the altered regulations to the Treasury and to the Commissioners of National Education in Ireland"—(*Mr. Lynn*).

Question, "That those words be there inserted,"—put, and *negatived*.

Another Amendment proposed, in page 1, line 23, to leave out Sub-section (3)—(*Major Newman*).—Question, "That Sub-section (3) stand part of the Clause,"—put, and *agreed to*.

Another Amendment proposed, in page 2, line 1, to leave out Sub-section (4)—(*Major Newman*).—Question, "That Sub-section (4) stand part of the Clause,"—put, and *negatived*.

[Adjourned till Wednesday next, at 4 o'clock.]

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Wednesday, 9th April, 1919.

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MEMBERS PRESENT:

Captain ALBERT SMITH in the Chair.

Mr. Attorney-General for Ireland  
Major Breeze  
Mr. Broad  
Colonel Burn  
Colonel Campion  
Lieut.-Colonel Spender Clay  
Mr. Clough  
Mr. Bartley Dennis  
Sir Maurice Dockrell  
Mr. Finney  
Major Henderson  
Mr. Hurd  
Mr. Lynn  
Mr. Mallahan  
Mr. Miles  
Major Morrison-Bell

Major Newman  
Mr. Reginald Nicholson  
Major O'Neill  
Mr. Pennesfather  
Lieut.-Colonel Pownall  
Sir John Randles  
Mr. Reid  
Mr. Frederick Roberts  
Sir William Senger  
Mr. Strauss  
Mr. Tootill  
Major Waring  
Mr. Aneurin Williams  
Lieut.-Commander Williams  
Lieut.-Colonel Willoughby

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Clause 1, further considered.

Amendment proposed, in page 2, line 12, after the word "borough," to insert the words "and the council of each urban and rural district"—(*Mr. Lyss*).—Question proposed, "That those words be there inserted."

Amendment, by leave, *withdrawn*.

Another Amendment proposed, in page 2, line 13, after the word "Act," to insert the words:—

"Provided that, on the joint application of the council of any county and the council of any urban district therein having a population of not less than six thousand, the Local Government Board may by order direct that the council of the urban district shall be the local authority for that district, and thereupon the council of the urban district shall be the local authority for that district instead of the county council so long as the order continues in force"—(*Mr. Attorney-General for Ireland*).

Question, "That those words be there inserted,"—put, and *agreed to*.

Another Amendment proposed, in page 2, to insert, after the last inserted Amendment, the words:—

"(5) If the Local Government Board are satisfied after such inquiry as they deem necessary that the local authority has failed to perform all or any of the duties imposed on them by this Act, the Board may by order appoint some person to discharge the duties of the local authority or such of those duties as may be specified in the order.

(6) Without prejudice to any other powers for enforcing the provisions of this Act from and after the making of any such order and so long as it remains in force the powers and duties of the local authority in relation to the said duties or such of them as have not been performed by the local authority shall be exercised and performed by the person thereby appointed instead of by the local authority, and the remuneration and expenses of such person as fixed by the Board shall be a debt due by the Council to the Board, and shall be paid out of such rate or fund as the Board may determine"—(*Major O'Neill*).

Amendments made to the proposed Amendment.

Question, "That the proposed words, as amended, be there inserted,"—put, and *agreed to*.

Another Amendment proposed, in page 2, line 16, after the word "council," to insert the words "or urban district council"—(*Mr. Attorney-General for Ireland*).—Question, "That those words be there inserted,"—put, and *agreed to*.

Another Amendment proposed, in page 2, line 18, after the words "poor rate," to insert the words, "equally over the area for which the county council is the local authority"—(*Mr.*

*Attorney-General for Ireland*).—Question, "That those words be there inserted,"—put, and agreed to.

Clause 1, as amended, *agreed to*.

Clause 2.

Amendment proposed, in page 2, lines 32 and 33, to leave out the words "Local Government Board," in order to insert the words "Commissioners of National Education in Ireland"—(*Mr. Lyne*).—Question, "That the words 'Local Government Board' stand part of the Clause,"—put, and *agreed to*.

Clause *agreed to*.

*Ordered*. To Report the Bill, as amended, to the House.